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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicant, through and by his or her attorneys, hereby wishes to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached modified PTO 1449 Form. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and a copy of each nonpatent document listed on the form is also presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience. Cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not included in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 USC 371 after June 30, 2003.

Applicant also wishes to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/301,878 filed November 21, 2002, by Christopher P. Olson for "DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH AN ELASTIC WAISTBAND AND EASY TEAR SIDE SEAMS."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/331,896 filed December 30, 2002, by Christopher P. Olson et al. for "SURROUND STRETCH ABSORBENT GARMENTS."

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/331,951 filed December 30, 2002, by Shirlee A. Weber for "ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH SUSPENDED ABSORBENT PAD STRUCTURE."

- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/331,958 filed December 30, 2002, by Christopher P. Olson et al. for "ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH IMPROVED LEAK GUARDS."
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/334,527 filed January 1, 2003, by Robert A. Stevens et al. for "PROGRESSIVELY FUNCTIONAL STRETCH GARMENTS."

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449; however, copies of these applications are provided herewith.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant in no way admits that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

Additionally, submission of any document is not to be taken as an admission of the materiality of the document to the prosecution of the present application.

The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicant recommends that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicant requests the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicant requests that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

If the Examiner refuses to consider any or all of the herein submitted materials because it is the Examiner's opinion that this Information Disclosure Statement is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner notify the undersigned, in writing, as to the basis of such opinion.

Please charge any prosecutional fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

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